

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (STAC) MEETING AGENDA

January 14th, 2026, 10:00 am (MST)
Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board
2643 E. University Drive, Phoenix, Arizona 85034

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EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE

The Council may enter Executive Session at Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board, 2643 E. University Drive, Phoenix, Arizona 85034 for discussion of any item listed on the agenda, as authorized by A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A). This session may be held to discuss records, information, or testimony that is confidential or exempt from public disclosure by law.

THE STAC WILL CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND MAY MAKE A RECOMMENDATION AND/OR TAKE ACTION ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

Student Transportation Advisory Council Members

Mr. Nicholas Franklin, Transportation Administrator's Member, Chair
Mr. Trace Tolby, School District Member with a Student Count greater than 3,000, Co-Chair
AZDPS Captain Vern Havens, Department of Public Safety Member
Ms. Ashley Berg, State Board for Charter School Member
Mr. Thomas Hartman, Electric Vehicle Expert
Ms. Kela Powers, Charter School Member with a Student Count Greater than 600
Mr. Jason Nelson, Public Member
Mr. Nicholas Lloyd, School Bus Driver Member
Ms. Denise Hall, School District Member
Mr. Chuck Essigs, Public Member
Mr. Sean Ross, State Board of Education Member

GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Call to Order – 10:00 A.M.
Mr. Nicholas Franklin, Chair

B. Pledge of allegiance

**C. Welcome and Roll Call of Council Members (In-Person, telephonically, or by other
electronic means)**
Mr. Nicolas Franklin, Chair

D. Call to Public / Public Statements regarding matters listed on the agenda – Those persons wishing to speak on a matter not on the agenda should have emailed STAC staff, STAC@azdps.gov, or contacted Ms. Kimberly Thomas at (602) 223-2649, before the start of the meeting. For those wishing to address the Council, the Board may limit the speaker(s) to five minutes on any one agenda item. The Commission will take no discussion or action. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.

E. Approval of minutes of the November 19th, 2025, meeting minutes.

Mr. Nicolas Franklin, Chair

1. Approval of minutes.

F. Call to Public
Public Comment

G. Status of 15-925 and implementation presentation

Mr. Paul Switek, DPS
Discussion and Vote for implementation timeline

H. Study Group Discussion
Mr. Nicholas Franklin, Chair

1. Study Group Committee leaders
2. Study Group Directions and Rules
3. Study Group Record Keeping process

I. New Business

J. Adjournment

The agenda may be revised, and additional items may be added before the meeting as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.02. In that event, an addendum to the agenda will be noticed and posted before the meeting. Council agenda items not noticed for a specific time may be taken out of order. The Commission may go into Executive Session to obtain legal advice from the Commission Attorneys on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3) & (4). One or more members of the Commission may appear and participate in the meeting telephonically or by other electronic means.